



## City Councilmember Application

### SECTION ONE

Applicant Name: CARA DUCHESNE	
Residence/Property Address: [REDACTED]	
Date Residence Established (MM/DD/YY): 02/01/10	Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): [REDACTED]
Mailing Address: [REDACTED]	
Home Phone: [REDACTED]	Work Phone: [REDACTED]
Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Email Address: [REDACTED]
Place of Employment: self-employed	
Position held: Owner/Accountant	Product/Service rendered: Accounting/Tax
Spouse's place of employment: Allenbrand-Drews & Associates	
Position held: Lead Surveyor	Product/Service rendered: Residential/Commercial Survey

The office of City Council must be held by a qualified elector.

1. Are you registered to vote at the above property address? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "yes," skip to the next section. If "no," answer questions 2-3.
2. Please provide proof of U.S. Citizenship. Provide a copy or show the document to the City Clerk. Acceptable documents include:
  - Birth certificate that verifies U.S. citizenship
  - U.S. passport (may be expired)
  - U.S. naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty number or tribal enrollment number
  - U.S. hospital record of birth indicating place of birth in the U.S.
  - U.S. military record of service showing the applicant's name and U.S. birthplace
3. Have you been convicted of a felony under the laws of any State or of the United States? ☐ Yes ☒ No
  - a. If "yes," have you been pardoned for such conviction or had your civil rights restored? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - b. If "yes," provide an executed authorization to conduct a criminal records search to verify such pardon or restoration of civil rights and submit documentation demonstrating such pardon or restoration of civil rights.

### SECTION TWO

1. Have you attended a City Council meeting? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Why do you wish to serve on the City Council?

As a 10-year citizen of Gardner, I've come to call this town home and it feels more like my hometown than my actual hometown. I believe that the life-long residents of Gardner have a vision for their small town while newer residents want to see continued growth. As someone who values both, I can serve as a sort of intermediary between the two. I am a small business owner who has decided to make Gardner my business home as well. I believe this town has potential to be great, not in numbers but in quality and I'd love to be a part of making this town even better.

3. Have you served on any other City board or commission? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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4. The City Council meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. How much time can you devote to serving each month?

I am available for the evening meetings as stated above and would also be available for extra evening or daytime meetings/sessions.

5. Describe any work or volunteer experience you have related to the function of the City Council.

None

6. Please list your areas of expertise and education that would benefit the City Council.

I have been in Finance/Accounting for 15 years. I started my experience by working for a small firm which was responsible for assisting in the interim with financial statements. I have two BSBA's from University of Central Missouri (Business Management & Accounting). I worked my way up the ranks of corporate accounting over the past ten years with two different companies, taking on multiple-tier projects, establishing/documenting/training on new procedures, improving the efficacy of processes and taking the lead with internal and external audits (substantive and Sarbanes-Oxley).

7. Do you or your spouse have any monetary interest, direct or indirect, to any pending or incomplete

transaction or contract to which the City is, or is to be, a party? ☐ Yes ☒ No

a. If "yes," please explain:

### SECTION THREE

1. How did you learn about this vacancy (please check all that apply)?

- ☒ City Website  
☒ City's Facebook Page  
☐ City's Twitter  
☐ City email blast  
☐ The Gardner News  
☐ Word of mouth  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION FOUR

Signature: I swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City of Gardner, Kansas, that I am at least 18 years old, that if convicted of a felony, I have been pardoned or had my civil rights restored and that I have told the truth on this application.

Cara M. Duchesne  
Signature

10/1/14  
Date

**NOTE:** If you are not appointed to serve at this time, your application will be kept on file for 12 months from the date it was received and will be reconsidered as vacancies occur.

Return application to the City Clerk's Office, 120 E. Main Street, Gardner, KS 66030  
Email: cityclerk@gardnerkansas.gov Fax: (913) 856-0997